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To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Consideration of Comments on the Revised Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (RDEIR) for the CALFED Program  
*(For Commission Action)*

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**Background:**

The Delta Protection Commission reviewed and adopted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR) in May 1998 (comments attached).

Since that time, CALFED has continued to refine its proposed program, and on December 18, 1999 released a Revised Phase II Report. The Commission adopted comments on the Revised Phase II Report at its March 1999 meeting (cover letter attached).

**Revised DEIR:**

The Revised DEIR was received last week and staff has been reviewing the DEIR and the 12 background reports. Staff was unable to prepare a draft comment letter for distribution in the July 9, 1999 mailing. However, the public comment period closes on the date of the Commission's next meeting--September 23, 1999, so consideration of comments has been scheduled for the July 22, 1999 meeting.

A CALFED Subcommittee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 19, 1999. At that time the Subcommittee will review a draft comment letter. A draft comment letter will be distributed at the Commission meeting. Staff plans to follow the format of the May 1998 comment letter, preparing general comments directly related to the policies of the Commission's adopted Land Use and Resource Management Plan for the Primary Zone of the Delta. All Commissioners are invited to attend the Subcommittee meeting, or to call staff to discuss issues, or forward written comments to staff for discussion at the Subcommittee meeting.

The Commissioner briefly reviewed this background information, and a draft comment letter to CALFED and determined that additional time was needed for study and discussion of the RDEIR. A meeting was scheduled for August, 1999 for such deliberation. This information is the same as mailed in your July meeting packet and has been remailed for your convenience.